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South Dakota Department of Education

**Special Education Advisory Panel Meeting**

OCT. 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006

Black Hills State University, Spearfish, South Dakota

Chairperson- Ms. Michele Cogley   Vice-chairperson- Lisa Heckenlaible

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**MINUTES**

**Members Present**

Bernie Grimme  
Karn Barth  
Nora Svatos  
Greg Cooch  
Gail Eichstadt  
Jim Dunston  
Judy Hoscheid  
Lisa Heckenlaible  
Mark Krogstrand  
Laura Johnson Frame  
Greg Riley

**Members Absent**

Bertina Larcher  
Heather Stettinichs  
Nicole Haneke  
Michele Cogley  
Todd Christensen

**Staff Members**

Ann Larsen

Ray Tracy  
Merle Doolittle

Minutes Approved (As Read) (As Amended)

Chairperson: \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature**

**Date**

**Call to Order**

Lisa Heckenlaible, called the meeting to order Oct. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2006 at 1:00 pm and made opening remarks.

**Approval of Agenda**

It was motioned by Jim Dunston and seconded by Karn Barth to accept the agenda for the Oct. 19th and 20th, 2006 meeting. Motion carried.

**Approval of Minutes from the, June 26th and 27th, 2006 Advisory Panel Meeting**

The meeting minutes from June 26<sup>th</sup> and 27th, 2006 were reviewed. Motion for approval to accept the minutes as written was made by Mark Krogstrand and seconded by Judy Hoschied. It was moved to accept the minutes as written. Motion carried.

**Public Comment- None**

**Welcome, Introductions, and Opening Remarks**

Greg Cooch welcomed everyone and introduced, Black Hills State University Dean, Nancy Hall. Ann Larsen welcome members and introduced new members- Nora Svatos and Laura Johnson Frame and new Special Education program specialist, Ray Tracy. All other members and staff introduced themselves. Ann also introduced presenter John Copenhaver of Mountain Plains Regional Research Center.

### **State Special Education Advisory Panel Orientation- John Copenhaver** (handouts)

John explained what Mt. Plains Regional Research Center's role is in the SD Department of Education. He presented members and staff with handouts and a binder to aid members with the orientation. John explained what purpose and functions the Advisory Panel serves and other information that he would be covering in his power point. John went over acronyms that are often used by the SD Department of Education.

### **Director's Comments- Ann Larsen**

Ann discussed Part B SPP/APR Indicator Overview with the panel. She shared feedback that the Department has been receiving from districts. Ann went over topics listed on Part B SPP / SPR Indicator Overview handout.

- **SPP Template- Ann Larsen**

The panel discussed graduation rate, baseline data and improvement activities.

The panel discussed parent's participation in what child wants to do with their future and or college.

The panel discussed ways of working on Professional Development and different ways of working with paraprofessionals.

The panel discussed that we are in our third year of Alternate Assessment.

## Discussed Suspension and Expulsion.

### Disproportionality.

The panel discussed that the Department has sent out a desk audit to school districts. The Department is looking to see if they are out of compliance. Schools have to be in compliance within one year of the date of notification.

The panel discussed Transition from Part C- Birth to 3 to Part B- 619.

Panel discussed Indicator 14 - exiting students.

The panel discussed reviewing and revising assessment sections.

The panel discussed the importance of Professional Development in the SPP. The Department is talking about holding workshops for teachers and paraprofessionals.

The Department of Education is in its third and final year of working on the Alternate Assessment.

### Advisory Panel By-Laws - Ann Larsen

1. Number of meetings. May request additional meetings.
2. Membership.
3. Annual Report Meeting.

Bernie Grimme brought up the fact that Panel members should be compensated for time at meetings.

Motion made by Mark Krogstrand to adopt changes in by laws. Motion tabled.

The panel discussed Parental Rights and Procedural Safeguards.

### **Order of Selection - Bernie Grimme**

Bernie spoke about how individuals are categorized when they apply.

1. Priority 1 - 75% disability
2. Individuals with 1 or more disabilities - people with SS will be placed in this category
3. Individuals with less needs

People with least disabilities are dealt with last.

**Meeting closed for the evening.**

### **Meeting resumed at 8:30 on Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 06.**

The panel discussed reimbursement of lost wages to board members who attend meetings. The panel discussed some formalities.

### **Yearly Planning - Ann Larsen**

Gail Eichstadt talked about the website where more information can be obtained. It is - [www.rightslaw.com/IDEA/law/htm](http://www.rightslaw.com/IDEA/law/htm)

Ann reported that the Department of Education is planning Regulation training in December and January at ESA offices throughout the state. Ed O'Leary is putting on trainings in Chamberlain and Rapid City.

The panel reviewed Priorities and discussed which ones should be changed, remains the same, or omitted altogether. The panel discussed and appointed panel members to be participants on certain Priorities.

Ann informed members that on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> Case will be hosting a RTI workshop in Spearfish. Panels from North Dakota, South Dakota, and Wyoming will be attending.

## Specific Learning Disability – Proposed Rules and Regulations – Ann Larsen

Ann went over the rules and regulations:

- Specific learning disability defined
- Determining the existence of a specific learning disability.
- Observation
- Specific documentation for the eligibility determination.

LEAs in South Dakota that elect to use an RTI model as part of the SLD evaluation process shall submit to the state for approval a formal proposal.

## Schedule upcoming meetings – ACTION ITEM

Scheduled meetings for upcoming year:

- ❖ January 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 07. Chamberlain or Pierre.
- ❖ April 19<sup>th</sup> – 20, 07. Sioux Falls – possibly visit the Children's Inn or other center.
- ❖ June 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>, 07. Pierre

John Copenhaver would like Susan Wagner -MPRRC to speak at the January meeting.

Proposed agenda for January meeting is to go over Priority Planning.

Proposed agenda for April meeting is to have representative from the Board of Regents or Disability Council Coordinator in attendance.

Ann wants to schedule a special meeting on the DDN.

Greg Cooch motioned to approve upcoming meeting dates and Gail Eichstadt 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. Motion carried.

Motion for meeting to adjourn. Mark Krogstrand 1<sup>st</sup> motion and Jim Dunston 2<sup>nd</sup> motion. **Meeting adjourned.**